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THEATRE NORTHWEST

'Little Shop of Horrors' blooms this weekend

By Destinee Biesemeyer Missourian Reporter

After several weeks of rehearsal, makeup for everyone, costume fittings and set design and construction, Theatre Northwest is ready to present the comedic terror, "Little Shop of Horrors."

"'Little Shop of Horrors' is produced as a joint project of the theater program of Northwest and the department of music. Those departments combine once every other year to do a jointly-produced musical. Initial discussion regarding what specific musical began almost two years ago," Director Joe Kreizinger said.

pieces, there are multiple factors to consider.

"There are several criteria considered, including cast size, orchestral requirements, and,

importantly, audience interest. In this case, audience interest was a large factor," Kreizinger said.

Brett Borden is the leading character, Seymour Krelborn, in "Little Shop of Horrors,"

"'Little Shop of Horrors' is about a guy, Seymour, who dreams of a new life with his co-worker," Borden said. "Then he discovers a plant that feeds on blood and promises to make his life change for the better.

"As the plant gets bigger, he eventually finds that he has to kill people in order for these wonderful things to keep happening," Borden said.

Borden is a speech/theater When selecting production education major who has performed in four Theatre Northwest Productions.

"My favorite part of theater is

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THE MONSTER PLANT, the Audrey 2, singing with his newly devoured victims during Tuesday's dress rehersal of "Little Shop of Horrors."





A VEHICLE TAKES a muddy bath as it runs over potholes along Main Street. The city is working on repair plans on Main Street, between First and Halsey streets, but no construction or cost planning is finalized.

City ponders options for Main Street

By Kenny Larabee Chief Reporter

sk any Maryville resident and they may comment that Main Street appears more like an off-road course rather than the vital lifeline running through the heart of the city's commercial district.

"I think it's kind of sad to see considering that's the first thing people see when they come into our town," Maryville resident Miranda Weigel said. "You want your town to look good and when you're going down Main Street it's worse than gravel roads are."

Large amounts of snowfall, coupled with fluctuating Midwest temperatures have wreaked havoc on Maryville roads, leaving many city streets riddled with potholes.

"It's the worst it's been in my 19 years of living," Northwest Freshman Rachel Job said. "I think it's kind of crappy that Maryville hasn't done anything about it yet. It's been this way for over a couple months."

With temporary patches falling apart, city officials have begun to discuss long-term repairs for Main Street, Maryville Public Works Director Greg Decker said, but added that nothing is set in stone at this point.

"Right now what we're doing is putting cost estimates together with some different options," Decker

Those options include either a complete removal and concrete rebuild or grinding the top two inches of Main Street off and placing an asphalt overlay on top of the remaining road. Both options would include Main Street from the intersections between First Street and Halsey Street. Of the two options, the concrete rebuild would be the more expensive of the two options.

"That could run as much as a half a million dollars. If they would do a two-inch grind and overlay, they're probably looking at half of that," Decker said.

The cost is one consideration for the city to review in deciding the best course of action, but with standing water, most notably in front of the First Presbyterian Church, the city has a bigger problem to address first,



Maryville City Manager Matt LeCerf said.

"I think the cost difference is significant, but when you get down to it what you really need to address is the drainage there," LeCerf said. "If we don't fix the drainage we're going to be in the same position we are right now in three years. So it starts with how can we fix the drainage, because if you don't get rid of the water from the location, the freezing and thawing will eat up anything you just worked on."

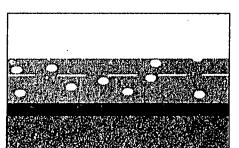
One of the benefits of using a concrete surface is that it doesn't crack like an asphalt road would. That's because asphalt is a mixture of gravel, sand and oil, and will have crevices and cracks in it, Decker said. From there, rain and melting snow will damage the asphalt surface.

"Running water will penetrate the asphalt, get down into it maybe an inch to two inches and then it'll freeze," Decker said. "One day we'll have 50 degrees, it'll melt. The next night it'll be 9 degrees like we had in the last few weeks. That freezes and expands. When the water expands inside the asphalt, it just busts it.

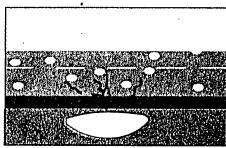
"Then when the car hits it, it's loose, vibrates it loose and the asphalt keeps coming out and as the pothole forms it starts holding water and then it just grows."

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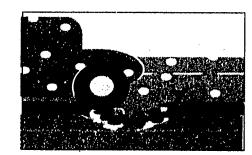
How potholes form:



Rain and melting snow penetrate the asphalt and collects in small puddles under the roadway.



The water collecting under the asphalt then freezes, causing the hole to expand. The expansion makes roadways fragile and easily



Vehicles pass over the small roadway cracks, which loosen the asphalt, creating a larger hole. The next rain or snow does the same thing, this time in a much bigger capacity, causing giant potholes, like the ones seen in Maryville.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Numbness to violent acts concerning

By Lindsay Jacobs University News Editor

After incidents like the one at Northern Illinois University, some Northwest students and staff fear students are growing numb to violence on college campuses.

Student Affairs Vice President Jackie Elliot talked to some students after the NIU shooting.

"There wasn't anybody that showed acute distress, but we did send out a message, you know, letting students know that our counseling services are available. We want to make sure students know that we understand that everybody deals with it differently," Elliot said.

Elliot is concerned students are becoming complacent when it comes to school violence because this generation has seen a lot of it.

"When I went to school there was no such thing (as school violence)," Elliot said.

School violence doesn't have the same shock value it used to, she said.

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AREA ELECTIONS

Espey runs for 5th term

By Kenny Larabee Chief Reporter

After serving nearly 16 years as Nodaway County Sheriff, Ben Espey, 54, has seen a lot of cases and a lot of change.

Experience, Espey said, is a valuable commodity that cannot be offset and will serve as a major component of his campaign when the incumbent runs for his fifth term this November.

A lifelong Nodaway County resident with more than 3,000 hours of law enforcement train-

ing, Espey began his career as a deputy in Nodaway County in 1985. Seven years later, Espey won the county's race for sheriff. In serving in that post since 1993, many changes have occurred under Espey's watch.

"I don't want people to think that if you start 16 years ago, you're doing the same thing you did 16 years ago. Everything's totally different. It's completely computerized," Espey said and added that as technology moved forward, so has the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department.

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Danny Thompson

STUDENT FEATURE

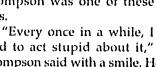
Leap Year babies have their day

By Brian Johnson Assistant Features Editor

Christmas comes but once a year, but Leap Day comes but once every four years. While this may not be a big deal to most people, there are a select few out there who celebrate their birthday on this unique day.

Leap Day comes from the concept of the Leap Year, where an extra day is added at the end of February every four years. This idea is practiced in order for the calendar year to keep up with the astronomical year.

People who celebrate their birthday on Leap Day technically only have an actual birthday once every four years. Many people may remember having a kid in class that was technically two or three because of being born on Leap Day. Northwest sophomore Danny Thompson was one of these



tend to act stupid about it,"

Thompson said with a smile. He then laughed and said "I always joke that I should be ordering off the kids menu."

Growing up, Thompson said that kids would give him a hard time for having a Leap Day birthday. Despite this, Thompson claims that he never took it too seriously. He would often have a very humorous comeback for them.

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Megan Switzer

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Group accepting entries until April

The Medium Weight Forks are now accepting fiction, nonfiction, poetry, art and photography submissions until Tuesday.

For more information, e-mail mwf@nwmissouri.edu.

Quartet performs with choir Tuesday

Three Men and a Melody will perform with the University Tower Choir in Concert at 8 p.m., Tuesday, in the Performing Arts Center. The barbershop quartet was founded in 1991.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Tickets for dinner currently on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the annual International Student Organization Dinner.

The dinner is at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 8, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Tickets cost \$12 for students,

faculty, staff and the public. Chil-

dren under 10 cost \$10. Tickets are available through March 6 at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building. Admission at the door

Colden Pond Plunge scheduled tomorrow

The four "winners" of the Colden Pond Plunge will jump in at 1 p.in. Friday.

Logan Galloway, Steve Wilson, Rod Barr and Wesley Miller were chosen after several days of donations were collected. They were chosen after containers with their names on them collected the most money out all the nominees for the event.

The event is sponsored by Up 'til Dawn, and they raised \$700

Designer to exhibit work on campus

Ann Willoughby, a graphic designer from Kansas City, will display her work for the Visiting

Willoughby's work will be on display in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building first-floor gallery from Monday through Friday, March 21.

She will show slides of her work during a lecture and reception at 7 p.m., Monday, in Olive DeLuce room 2004.

Body image booth offers information

A booth will be set up on the J.W. Jones Student Union second floor from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today and tomorrow for Body Image Awareness Week.

For more information, contact the Wellness Center at 562Inclement weather affects campuswide cleanup efforts

By Elizabeth Sextor Missourian Reporter

Those who risked life and limb restoring safety on campus during winter break continue to face obstacles as more bad weather hinders cleanup efforts.

MISSOURI STATE ARBORETUM

"It was so dangerous," horticulturist Adam Stone said. "We saw students out and about taking pictures underneath trees that I wouldn't go by even if I was paid

after the ice storm on Dec. 10. "It was dead quiet with very

little movement around. You heard destruction in the background of just trees collapsing," Stone said. Stone and his crew were in shock as Missouri's State Arboretum of more than 1,300 trees and 125 species, was fractured by an estimated

\$2.5 million of damage. "Oh, I cried," Stone said. "I saw

For Landscape Services Director Lezlee Johnson, feelings of admiration overshadow initial concerns of watching their "life's work falling down around them.'

long days in areas that were declared picking up the pieces and waiting unsafe for the public and retiring to on the weather. the personal strains associated with the storm in homes without heat and electricity, Johnson said the group made calm and wise choices.

"Folks look for heroic actions in situations like this," Johnson said. "We had no individual heroes, but a whole team you could accredit with heroic action together."

Maintaining high group morale was crucial to success, Stone said. Twelve-hour workdays under-Stone recalled encountering a neath ice-covered branches weigh-"demilitarized zone" during and ling 175 pounds replaced workers'

> The campus was "hanging by a thread," Stone said.

"If that (branch) comes crashing down on you there is no surviving," Stone said, acknowledging the dangers of vibrations from vehicles and Stone said he keeps a "one day

at a time" philosophy in mind and years of work gone in a 24-hour a "stronger, more diverse Arbore-

> . when you are out here it is just wall to wall sticks, where do you

Despite the stress of working accomplished, the team is literally a quick cleanup."

"We just can't do cleanup between snowstorms," Stone said. "Moral seems good, but we need it to stop snowing and we need spring to get here a little quicker."

Current cleanup consists of tree

cleanup, stump grinding, is dependent upon the snow clearing. Meanwhile, the grounds crew is preparing to ride out winter conditions into the spring when replant-

removal, while the next phase of

"Every storm that comes in we watch and we are just getting ready for it," Stone said. "It" is the Farmer's Almanac

prediction of a February ice storm. Still yet to come, the storm would add one more to Stone's tally of 20 significant storms this year, which doesn't count light snow days.

ing will begin.

In response to those who have labeled them heroes, Stone agrees looks forward to the outcome of that the entire group "came out with flying colors" and appreciates the "massive support and patience" "It's overwhelming sometimes from the community. No thanks are necessary, Stone said.

"We were just doing our job," he said. "Everyone pretty much With 60 to 75 percent of removal understands this is not going to be

RESIDENTIAL LIFE

President enjoys full schedule

By Sara Kendall Missourian Reporter

When she started at Northwest, she didn't even know that RHA existed. Now she knows the ins and outs

At 21 years old, Katie Carter never thought she would be where she is today. Carter, who is double majoring in business management and mar-

Residence Hall Association. Carter is a St. Louis native, and because she is so far from home she wanted to get involved in some activities on campus. During her freshman year she lived in Franken Hall and became the hall council's treasurer. Last year Carter was vice too close to her own home. president of RHA, and this year she was elected president.

Carter's duties as president are extensive. She oversees everything that the executive board does and meets with her vice president, who oversees six committees. These committees help everything on

campus function, Carter said. closely with is the Campus Residents Eating Well committee (Food CREW). The committee meets in Carter with Aramark biweekly to suggest changes for the J.W. Jones Student Union Food Court.

One substantial decision the Food CREW made was to change the traditional oil used at Bene Pasta and marketing degrees, Carter

spray oil, Carter said. iving on campus better or students," Carter

She attended Lutheran High School or much else. It was a huge commitment and dent, enjoys working with Carter

she said. After graduating keting, is also the president of the high school, Carter landed at North-

west. Her decision to attend Northwest came after a visit Maryville. Her choice to come to Northwest was surprisingly easy, she said. Her when she is around. She always three brothers and sisters all attend goes above and beyond in everythe University of Missouri - Columthing she does," Whitt said. bia, and the home of the Tigers was

"After visiting campus I liked what I saw and decided to apply. I got accepted and here I am," she

adviser, helps Carter with the behind the scenes things of the organization. They plan meeting agendas and bounce ideas off one ous programs for students to get One of the committees Carter another. Carter is very committed and the executive board work to every task she takes on, Hen-

> "She is very organized, well spoken and creative. She is a good leader who learns a lot through dif-With her business management

nessy said. Hennessy sees great potential favorite

ferent experiences," she said.

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to a lighter, healthier, would like to go into the human resources or the consulting side of "We strive to make the business, she said. She believes that her position as

president of RHA has prepared her well for the job she wants in the real world, Carter said. "I think of it as an internship.

South where she was I am multi-tasking, delegating, involved in volleyball interacting with people and I do a and didn't have time little consulting," she said. Kimber Whitt, RHA vice presi-

took most of her time, and said that her experiences at Northwest have prepared her well "Working with Katie is truly a privilege. She is always there when you need her and I never have to worry about not getting work done

> Whitt admires Carter's dedication to her job and the energy she puts into it.

"All the programs, meetings, planning and publicity would never have lead to any successful events Meghan Hennessy, RHA or programs without Katie's constant encouragement," Whitt said.

In addition to making life better on campus, RHA plans numerinvolved in, Carter said.

Out of all the programs RHA puts on, Carter has one that is her

"My favorite program is Casino Night. We do Casino Night every year for the freshmen during Advantage Week. We spend a big chunk of our budget on prizes and it gets all of Residential Life together. It is a fun program," she said.

WELLNESS CENTER



the Wellness Center staff at Northwest. Dooley enjoys playing blues guitar and has served as a health education specialist with the Peace Corps in West Africa.

Dooley boasts diverse resume

By Micheal Clements

promoter and blues guitarist-that's Beau Dooley in a nutshell.

assistant director of health, comes from Lafayette, La. "Cajun county"

school, Dooley was a biology major. "I became aware of public heath as a field, and I decided that's where my true passion lied, was to practice public health instead of medicine,"

Tulane School of Tropical Medicine in abuse expert in the state of Missouri. New Orleans, Dooley said. Dooley served in the Republic of who is fun to work with, Temporary

little bit of HIV/AIDS work as well," Dooley said. "Typical volunteers tend to do more community grass roots developments in their villages; I actu-

motto ("The toughest job you'll ever "Every day was absolutely incred-

ible and it was as over challenging definitely the most unique and most wonderful experience I've ever had." Dooley became aware of college

at the College of Wooster in Wooster, position of health promotion coordina-

and I was looking for a little bit more responsibility. I found a posting for the position which I currently hold, applied and I've been here since August 2007," Dooley said. "The general attitude on campus from everybody, just the general environment I think is really pleasant."

Professional ... that certification sort of

recognizes my expertise as a substance

Medical Secretary Nicole Williams

job and if we ever have questions, he's

more than willing to answer them,"

Williams said. "He's willing to get to

know the students better. Since he's so

new here, he doesn't know as many

Promoting wellness for all stu-

Growing up listening to classic

"I've been playing guitar for about

Another hobby of his is running.

Promoting wellness for all stu-

"Generally speaking to work with

of the Wellness Center," Dooley said.

New Orleans."

thon last year.

Dooley is a friendly co-worker

"He's very knowledgeable at his

Dooley has worked with nationally award winning campus coalitions and calls his professional expertise

grant from the foundation. "Keeping not necessarily college Habitat for Humanity builds students, but young people in the one house a year in Nodaway community from trying to experience County, Publicity Chair David with, use and abuse alcohol and other substances," Dooley said. "My certification title is Missouri Advanced Certified Substance Abuse Prevention

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Any not-for-profit organiza-"We depend on local organi- tion can apply online at Usbank. zations or companies and institu- com for grants from the U.S. Bank

services to patients who might be in more remote areas," clinic

assortments of pizza toppings like

ory's teacher said.

Week of work, play for FFA

about," Jamie Casteel, a St. Greg-

products, as taught to the children at St. Gregory's Catholic School by the Maryville National FFA Organization chapter.

The members of the Maryville FFA went to St. Gregory's Feb. 21 as a part of National FFA Week. The time was spent educating the children about agricultural dance was held in the agricul-

of our everyday life. "The kids were really interactive and excited about the information. We got tons of 'thank yous' from them and the members really loved that. They already have their wheel spinning for next year," Jackie Lacy, the Maryville

products and how they are a part

By Nicole Richardson

Missourian Reporter

Pizza and its toppings come

FFA adviser said. "It is great because the children get to learn that all of these brands. things come from the farm, and then they can relate it to their

A student breakfast and FFA friends who live on farms and

is staffed by a

nurse practitio-

ner and a coop-

erating physi-

Dr. Singh here

on Tuesday

"We have

St. Francis Hospital offers Outreach services

King, who works in the Grant

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The children were taught were able to drive their tractors where the dough, sauce and all to school in place of cars.

The weather drowned the onions, hamburger and pepperoni tractor attendance to two, but the Along with volunteering for

it gives them something to talk. Blue and Corn Gold colors.

Robert Redford and Jordan the community, FFA week was Hal were the only two who braved full of fun for the high school—the chilly weather. The two borrowed their trac-

The annual Barnwarming tors so they could drive in a cab instead of sitting out on an open ture shop at Northwest Techni- seat

The week concluded on Feb.

22 with Tractor Day, Students

cal School, where King Zach "Even though it was cold, i Steines, Queen Lindsay Shipley, would do it again in a heartbeat," Prince Clint Thompson and Prin-It was surely an experience cess Morgan Shipley were all

for the two freshmen, who said Implement Apparel Day was they enjoyed the activities of FFA Feb. 19, where students wore week and look forward to it next their favorite implement cloth-

After the students arrived at ing and competed to see who had the most; John Deere or Case Maryville High School Friday morning, they were set to attend the Farm Show at the American spirit day was held Feb. 20, where Royal Complex, but their trip got members sported their National canceled due to bad weather.

Services provided at all clinics

He will be sentenced March 24. Maryville troops

guilty to marijuana possession.

ng is set for March 10.

CITY BRIEFS

Local lowa man is

sentenced 13 years

in Nodaway County.

tion for that charge

David Holste, 37, of Clarinda, Iowa,

Holste was charged with possessing

Holste was on probation for two

plead guilty to three felony convictions

pseudoephidrine with intent to make

meth. He received a three year convic-

stealing convictions. He was ordered

to serve 10 years to serve those convic

Two Nodaway County

men plead guilty to

drug, meth charges

Kurby Parman, 57, of Barnard pled

Ken Davis, 27, of Maryville pled

guilty to manufacturing meth. Sentenc-

A sendoff for the Missouri National Guard is scheduled for Monday, March

leaving for Kosovo

A firetruck and police escort will accompany the troops from the Armory to the south exit of the city. The processional will begin at North Country Club Road to 16th Street, travel east until Main Street. From there they will turn south on Main Street until exiting the city at the Highway 71 bypass.

Maryville citizens can show their upport by lining the streets and displaying banners, posters and flags. Citizens interested in helping with the processional can contact Suzanne Von Behren at 582-8643.

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Are You Looking Inside Out?

A message from the Northwest Wellness Center



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Try an experiment today. Ask someone you know to tell you about a good friend, family member, or someone who is importan to him/her. Chances are, the description will include the qualities he or she admires in that person It is less likely that much, if any, of the description involved body weight, shape or appearance.

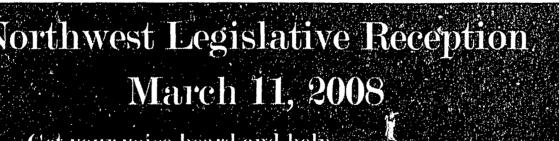
We live in a society where we are bombarded by messages about appearance. Not only do we hear them, we believe them. In order rock-hard abs. If we do not look a certain way, we convince ourselves

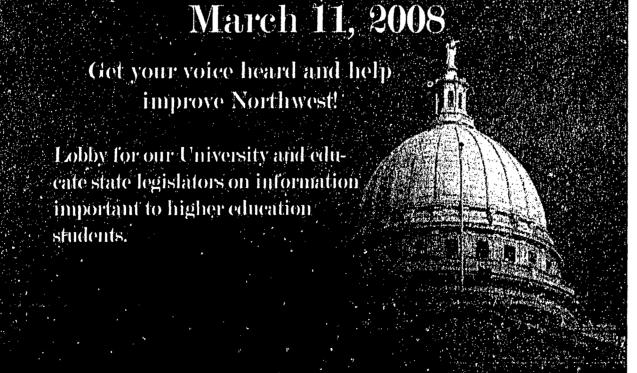
people truly appreciate is what we appreciate in others. When we describe the important people in our lives, we use such words as kind, helpful, thoughtful, appreciative, supportive, friendly, generous loving, sincere, creative, funny, smart, compassionate, talented, giving and encouraging. It's not often you will hear, "The person who has influenced me the most is John because of his killer pecs," or now a better person."

described by a friend, your looks would not be the focus. So why make your looks the focus over how you feel about yourself? By challenging ourselves to look from the inside out rather than the outside in, we more accurately perceive and appreciate who we

Doesn't that feel better?

This is a message from the Northwest Wellness Center. For more information about this topic, or to learn about our services for students, please











A LOUISIANA NATIVE, Beau Dooley talks about his experiences prior to joining

Chief Reporter

A southern gentleman, a wellness Dooley, director of wellness and

With intentions of going to medical substance abuse.

Dooley said. Dooley applied for graduate school through the Master's Internationals program along with the Peace Corps. The Peace Corps was practicum at the

"I was assigned to work for Save the Children USA, so my job was considered a health education specialist and I worked at their school health and nutrition program and did just a

ally had an eight to five job to go to dents is one goal Dooley has for Dooley calls the Peace Corps

rock, one of Dooley's hobbies is playlove") the most accurate he's ever ing guitar. Playing guitar is a great stress reliever, he said. 17 to 18 years now," Dooley said. "I in many ways," Dooley said. "It's lived in New Orleans for a while, so I picked up playing the blues down in

health as a possible career field after Dooley participated in an ultra-marareturning to the United States. Before coming to Northwest, Dooley took a job as an alcohol, tobacco dents is one goal Dooley has for and other drug prevention specialist Ohio. After two years, Dooley took the the student body to show the outreach

tor, similar to the director of wellness "I want students to recognize and position he now has here. experience the benefits of preventative "I would say I outgrew the job

U.S. Bank gives to local organizations By Micheal Clements to support us financially," Baird

COMMUNITY

Several local not-for-profit so any funds received now are organizations received funds applied to the construction of the through grants given by the U.S. 2008 home. Habitat for Humanity homes The foundation gave a total are constructed through volunteer of \$46,000 to 17 organizations in labor and donations. The homes northwest Missouri for capital are bought by qualified families

said. "All the funds we receive

are used on the current home

"Those type of donations like U.S. Bank spokeswoman Lisa what we received from U.S. Bank U.S. Bank gave over \$19 milis what keeps us able to carry out lion in 24 states last year, Clark our mission which is to provide safe and affordable housing,"

campaigns and operating costs on zero interest loans.

annually to local organizations, The Foundation is tax deductible for U.S. Bank, Clark said. Mark Cochran, Northwest Mis-"We're always evaluating souri market president for U.S. the various needs charitable "The way we determine what organization in the community," money the foundation gives out Cochran said, "I think it's someto local organizations is based thing we need to do, we need on local management, Cochran to identify those organizations said. "We'll discuss organizations within the community that make

we believe are doing the right the community a better place

thing in the community and try and work in all across Northwest

Other organizations that received grants were: Allied Arts One of the organizations, Council of St. Joseph, American Camp Quality received a grant to continue providing support Red Cross, Community Action foe children with cancer, Camp Partnership of Greater St. Joseph, Quality office manager Lynett St. Joseph Habitat for Humanity, Heartland Foundation, Missouri "It does take quite a bit of Western State University Founfunding because were responsible dation, Pony Express Council,

Nodaway County's Habitat for Humanity also received a Renewal and the Northwest

By Erin Loges

Maryville area.

to open in 1998.

Missourian Reporter

Besides staffing St. Francis

Hospital and Health Services,

the doctors of St. Francis Family

Health Care provide services at

several outreach clinics in the

located in Bedford, Iowa, Burl-

ington Junction and Grant City.

The Bedford clinic was the first

"Our goal is to bring medical

Rural Health clinics are

nurse manager Marcia Beason St. Francis was able to create City clinic.

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outreach clinics partially because of the Rural Health Clinics Act, include laboratory testing. The clinics passed by Congress in 1977. also provide other Each clinic services, such as

in the afternoons," said Beverly tioners, play a significant role in

Our rural health clinics,

with our nurse practitioners

play a significant roe in

providing medical care to

and Thursday mornings, and titioner comes

Marcia Beason, clinic nurse manager

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radiology at Bedford and Ob/gyn services at Burlington Junction

and Grant City.

in the area depend

our nurse practi-

providing medical care to under-

served areas," Beason said.

Many people

on the clinics for health services. "Our rural health clinics, with



By Kersten Haugse White, Ph.D

What does that tell you?

to be happy or feel good about ourselves, we believe we have to be a certain dress size or have that we have little value. This leads to feelings of unhappiness, pain and loneliness. What we fail to realize is that wha

Because of Emily's thin build, I am Chances are, if you were being

call ext. 1348. We are the specialists

in college health.

Since the start of the trimester Northwest's Board of Regents have been discussing the possibility of a "Village at Northwest."

In case you haven't heard of this proposal, here is a brief rundown of the plan. The Northwest Foundation currently owns 66 acres on the west side of Icon/Country Club Road.

If implemented, the plan would develop an urban-style village on those 66 acres, donated to the University from the Foundation. The village would include offices, stores and

restaurants mixed with single-family homes, town houses and loft-style condominiums.

The village concept is based on a successful "village" at Hendrix College in Arkansas.

The biggest difference between Northwest and Hendrix is that Northwest is located in a smaller community.

Chief of Staff and General Counsel Joe Cornelison stated in an earlier Northwest Missourian article that the village could possibly provide housing to retired Northwest alumni who may be interested returning to Maryville.

The proposal peaked the interest of some Northwest alumni who contacted the Foundation after the initial Board of Regents meeting, according to University Vice President of Advancement Orrie Covert.

The Northwest Missourian believes the village proposal sounds like a wonderful idea on

However, if the University plans to expand enrollment by 20 percent in the next five years the proposal's research should include a plan of how those 66 acres might also facilitate new classroom buildings and student housing.

The "Village at Northwest" proposal could work for our city and University. Students, alumni and faculty alike would certainly benefit from additional living, dining and entertainment options near campus.

However, the University needs to look at how this plan would fit into the proposed enrollment expansion as well.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

extend our congratulations and gratitude to the many Maryville students who recently participated in the Pay It Forward program.

Because of their compassion and hard work, they raised more than \$425 to help benefit the animals currently housed at our community's shelter. Another kind-hearted student collected supplies and made a video.

Their enthusiasm for the Pay It Forward project helped raise funds for a variety of causes, each with a unique manner of helping those in our community and beyond. They, along with the teachers, parents, friends and neighbors who support them in such endeavors, are a true reflection of what makes Maryville such a wonderful place to live.

The New Nodaway Humane Society is fortunate to have a diverse group of organizations, businesses, students and volunteers, including those from the (Missouri) Academy Animal Association and Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness, who give time, talents and donations to help us in our mission to provide homes to the abused, neglected and abandoned and help promote pet adoption and the humane treatment of all animals.

It is with the help of these amazing people that we will succeed in our mission.

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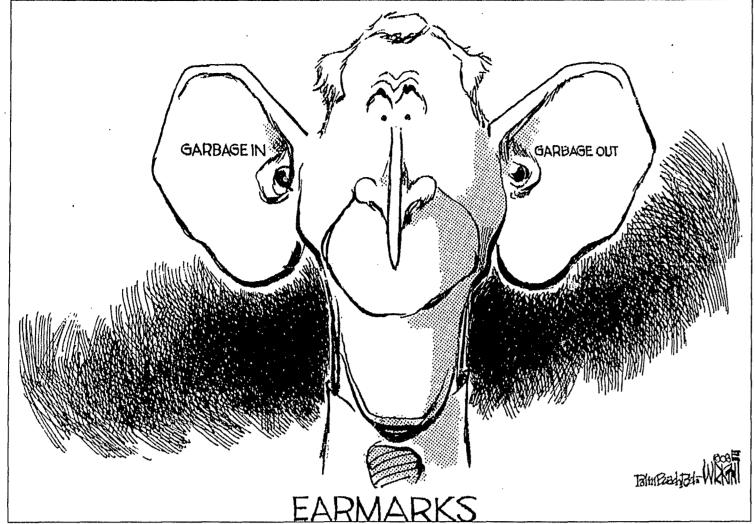
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New Cuban leader could open the door for U.S. relations

When deciding whom you want to be your next president, there are several issues to consider. Let me add one more to the list: the future relations between two countries with new leaders, the United States and Cuba.

After the resignation of Fidel Castro, and the Cuban legislative session's election of younger brother and interim leader Raul Castro, there seems to be one word stuck in everyone's minds- and that is "reform"...

Will a new leader cause change in a country that plays a distinct role in our history, or is it only a hope, and little more?

I believe change will occur although I do

Kathleen Wilmes

certain prisoners who were not the best. imprisoned for dissenting against the Castro regime, a steps down from office, and somebody else for human rights. I do think lican? that change will occur gradu-

With a newly elected U.S. to see if the relations between the two countries will change or remain the same.

be just Cuba changing.

ship style, emphasizing that until elections The main areas that will of a free and democratic nature take place, be most affected are the Cuban Cuba will remain in the same circle it has economy and the release of for the 49 years — which most certainly is

But what happens when President Bush

clear step in the right direction steps in, whether a Democrat or a Repub-A change in the relationship between ally and most definitely be felt—the two countries is desirable and necessary. the lives of those in future But a change in the outlook on human rights

generations. But it might not issues, and how it is carried out, is also desir-

able and absolutely necessary. If both countries want to change how president, it will be interesting things are done, they need to start playing nicely together and remember that compromise is the best course of action in any The current administration is certainly union, whether in civil unions or those of a not think it will be anything dramatic or even doubtful of any real change in Cuba's leader- foreign nature.

MY VIEW

Media must be cautious reporting political hearsay

For the major media outlets, times are beginning to get

The situation in

lraq has improved substantially over the past six months President George Bush is almost out of office and global warming is kind of a tough sell considering this past winter.

So, what is a big time newspaper to do

when its main story pieces are drying up? Make some news! Barack Obama recently felt the sting when pictures of him circulated wearing

traditional Somali Muslim clothing. The Obama camp was in a uproar when the pictures got out. We frankly don't see the big deal. Obama

CAMPUS TALK

"Public

Transportation

and a shuttle to

class,"

Josh Greenlee

Marketing, Managemen

was a guest in that country and was simply respecting their customs. Nonetheless his campaign cried foul

and it dominated the news for a couple of Naturally, Hillary denied she knew

Sarah York and Jeff Kanger

parison to the media assault to which John victim to. The New York Times ran a story sug-

s quite sure what

the story suggested. In a nutshell, the Times accused Sen. McCain of getting too close with a female lobbyist almost a decade ago

gesting well, no one

Some say the article implies a potential sexual relationship and the more reserved critics suggest the relationship had the posstaffers encouraged him to distance himself ing up stories.

between the two and McCain, his wife, relationship. That being said, what evidence pictures.

did the Times have?

"Underground

tunnels for the

winter,"

Shea Peckham

Speech Communication

the lobbyist would be bad for McCain. There No matter how was no dress with a white stain, no e-mails, bad Obama thinks no love letters and not even a Facebook this week was on friend request! (We know Facebook wasn't him it pales in com- around ... it was a joke)

There is no backbone or smoking gun behind this story, just a blatant cheap shot McCain recently fell meant to discredit McCain. This story was hardly fit for print and the

Times had no business printing an article that insinuated the things this one did. Stories like this are meant for the tabloids

and that is what the *Times* is going to become if it continues with this type of journalism. The New York Times used to be a reputable newspaper; however, if we were instructors now and one of our students cited the Times we would be inclined to encourage him or

her to get a more reputable source. The point is simply that this election is sibility of hurting his political career, so his far too important for the media to be mak-

We know the *Times* relishes in attacking The point being nothing happened Republicans and there may be more photos of Obama in other countries, but pay no and the lobbyist all deny any inappropriate attention to empty stories and meaningless

Be your own source of news and find out Two former McCain staffers that said what the candidates stand for yourself, and anything about the photo, well if you believe—they told the senator to keep his distance—don't count on a "has been" newspaper for that then we need to go snipe hunting some- because they thought getting too close to much more than a firestarter.

"A 24-hour library,"

Brittany Keeshan

If you could change one thing about the Northwest campus,

what would it be?

"Parking,"

Micah Schmidt

Business Management



(The following comments have not been edited or changed. They appear in print as they do on the Web site.) "Should" should start now (E.S.) posted 2/22

I like the fact that you started to look at a candidate on a deeper level. Thank you for this. I appreciate media outlets that help to educate the public by expanding on issues. Yes you (all) can! Unfortunately, a for-profit media is always in search a nifty sound bite. I prefer a positive one like "Yes We Can" to arrogant ones like "Bring It On." Kudos to you for bringing up the "Should." It makes me want to think a little about the past and present, before I can even consider thinking about the fall. Should we have ever gone to war with a country that was not involved in September 11 and did not have weapons of mass destruction? Should we have listened to the U.N. weapons inspectors that told us Iraq was not a threat? Should we first start thinking about where our tax dollars are going? I'm confused about why we want tax cuts, but support spending a lot of money in areas where the return is questionable - that is, unless you are a contractor in the military industrial complex. According to the National Priorities Project, the war has cost our community of Maryville over \$10M. The entire nation has contributed over \$496B. (And I thought I had budgeting issues). Shouldn't we start to wonder who is benefitting from a long-term strategy of occupation and control of resources? Shouldn't we stop being lead by mantras of fear and instead positive words of hope? I'm not sure I'd agree with you

more or less, but I would love to hear you with an even stronger voice of what you mean. Maybe expand just a bit more about why you hold your postion on tax cuts, troop surge, and experience factors. Again, thanks for the topic. I enjoyed your perspective and am glad you encourage your audience to ask questions. Good

I'm not an Obama supporter (at

Linda Hickerson posted 2/21

all), but I thought the editorial was ridiculously silly and clueless. Exactly WHY should Obama waste his time talking about why we SHOULD take a particular path when nobody else in this election (or really any election) talks about that when they speak? Most voters already know why they and don't need a candidate to explain to them why we should go in that direction. You guys, for some reason, want to apply a standard to Obama that you're not applying to any other candidate. I don't see John McCain going around explaining why we SHOULD support the positions he advocates, but you guys move the goalpost for republicans so I guess that would be asking too much. Beyond that, substantive discussions of issues don't get media coverage. Period. It's not quite as much fun as the labeling and badmouthing of politicians people in your profession engage in. You should know that. If you really want to know WHY Obama takes a particular position on an issue, and the arguments for whether we SHOULD, go to his web site. Duh.In the mean time, try to have some actual integrity (it's a cool experience, trust me) and apply the same standards to everybody. If you want to slam Obama, fine, there are lots of reasons for doing so, just like there are lots of reasons to slam other candidates. But face it, your editorial was a desperate attempt to just find some angle, however obtuse, to say something negative about a popular democratic candidate. You clearly had made no attempt to educate yourself about Obama and answer the very question you pose.

"New road systems,

and more women,"

Landon Bosisio

PUBLIC SAFETY

SEAT BELT SAFETY

By Katie Luers

through Nov. 8.

Missourian Reporter

West Nodaway High School looks

The school recently won a contest

Three school organizations helped

with the contest. The Family Career and

Community Leaders of America, Future

Teachers of America and Student Coun-

The contest required the students

cil gave time to help with the contest.

to promote seatbelt usage. Students

by having 79 percent of students wear

seatbelts while driving to school.

to continue success with seatbelt safety

Travis L. Smith, Tarkio, Mo., affray; Trenton D. Phelps, 23, Maryville, affray, 300 block N. Feb. 10

■Sexual misconduct, ongoing investigation, 200 block N. Mulberry.

■Shellie N. McGinnis, 19, Maryville, MIP, 1400 block E. Third St. ■Amanda C. Sevits, 18, Maryville, MIP, 500 block E. Seventh St.

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■Fraud, ongoing investigation, 400 block N. ■Lost/stolen property, ongoing investigation

■Fire report, State Highway 46 West.

400 block N. Buchanan Feb. 19 ■Lost/stolen property, ongoing investigation 1600 block South Main

■Donald R. Piveral, III, 23, Maryville, larceny ■Thomas E. Hooker, 47, Westchester, Penn., code violation, 100 block W. Ninth St. Feb. 20

■Cynthia L. Hunt, 48, Maryville, code violation, 200 block W. Fourth St. ■Brandon W. Dollen, 35, Maryville, code violation, 300 block N. Mulberry. ■Property damage, ongoing investigation, 400 block N. Walnut. ■Stolen vehicle, ongoing investigation, 200 block W. Fourth St.

■Ashleigh C. Curry, 22, St. Joseph, Mo., pos-

■Third degree assault, ongoing investigation,

1000 block N. Buchanan

ACCIDENTS Feb. 17 ■John Mundork, 34, Maryville,, 1600 block

■Amber T. Anderson, 26, Maryville collided with Genevieve M. Fulsom, 90, Maryille at the intersection of U.S> Business Highway 71 and East Liber streets. ■Robert C. Sunkel, 75, Maryville, collided

with Kevin J. Deardorff, 44, Ravenwood, Mo. at the intersection of U.S. Business Highway 71 South and East Summit Drive.

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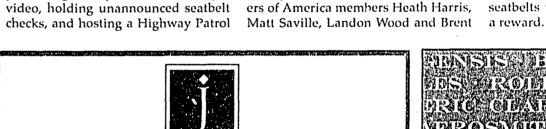


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of the Okobojis.



DYLON HAGEY IS strapped into the Seat Belt Convincer by Missouri Highway State Patrol officer Sgt. Sheldon Lyons. The Seat Belt Convincer is a

simulated car accident where students are strapped into the machine and "rolled" down the incline. Participants learn the value of wearing a seat

Students learn value of safety

Many of the high school students

"Too many people go without seat-

The entire school participated in

Missouri Highway Patrol Sgt.

The Seat Belt Convincer simulated

an accident for students by strapping

them into a machine that rolled down an

incline to an abrupt stop. Participants

even learned the value of a scatbelt trav-

eling approximately 5 miles per hour.

Another group of students submit-

live close to school and don't think that

belts," junior Valyssa Downing said.

seatbelts are necessary.

"Battle of the Belt" contest from Oct. 4 and gave an accident simulation to the seatbelt safety in the future.

The school participated in the Sheldon Lyons spoke at the school

accomplished this by making posters, ted a public service announcement.

providing safety trivia, showing a Family Career and Community Lead-

about seatbelt safety.

is announced in March.

the trend of seatbelt excellence.

The winning announcement will

West Nodaway hopes to continue

Contest sponsor Linda Estes hopes

Seatbelt awareness affects the

to find other programs to help promote

whole community of Nodaway

County. Director of Public Safety

Keith Wood promotes seatbelt safety.

Wood referring to wearing a seatbelt

"Short and simple, it saves lives,"

Maryville begins a program soon

that will check teenage drivers for

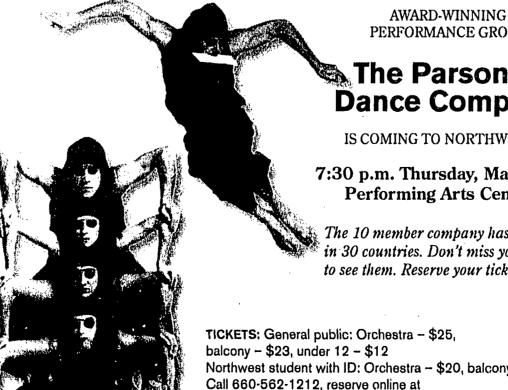
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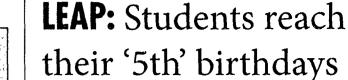
play on radio stations across the state to

promote seatbelts. The contest winner

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"I would get made fun of every once in a while," Thompson shrugged. "But I would just fire back with 'how dumb do you feel being in the same class as a 2

Sophomore Megan Switzer has gone down a similar path as a Leap Year baby. However, growing up, Switzer claims that kids didn't really give her a hard time. "I didn't get made fun of really," Switzer claimed.

'Other kids were mostly just confused about how the whole Leap Year thing worked." There were some benefits on Switzer's side when she was younger, because her family would celebrate both

Feb. 28 and March 1 as if they were both her birthdays

in non-Leap Year years. Thompson would usually celebrate the day on Leap Year

"When I was younger, my parents tried to make the day seem a little bit more special on days of my actual birthday," Thompson said with a smile. "Nowadays, however, now that I'm older, XIII officially made the Leap Day I don't do anything too a part of the Christian calendar special."

calendar, in order to keep up with the seasons. Pope Gregory

The Egyptians first adopted

the concept of Leap Day, but

never officially made it a part

specifically Julius Caesar, later

adopted this concept and made

it an official addition to their

The odds of being a Leap Year baby are about one in 1,506. There are also some special occasions and clubs designated for Leap Year babies or "Leapies" such as the Worldwide Leap Year Festival and the Worldwide

Leap Year Birthday Club "When it comes down to it, it's really just another day," Thompson said. "I'm just like everybody else. I just got stuck with an odd birthday."

Of course, there are some benefits that "Leapies" may try to take advantage of. Switzer laughed when she told about a time she tried to order food at a restaurant. "The menu said 5 and under ate for free," Swit-

zer laughed. "I tried to claim I was five but it didn't Thompson had his own interesting story when it

comes to being a "Leapie." "I tried to go to Bottle Hall last week and take advantage of it," Thompson smiled. "It was \$15 for adults, and kids 5 and under got in for free. They looked at me like I

As Feb. 29 draws closer, Leap Year babies will be able to celebrate the day they can't have every year. That day is their actual birthday.

was stupid when I told them I was under 5."

When Thompson turns 20 or in this case 5, he claims he won't be doing anything special.

"To be honest, I'm not doing anything real special,"

seatbelts when checked will be given he said. "I can't do much until I'm 21 anyway." MOGNOMRAO MUNERY EMENDORO ESTRO ARTO ESTA DO DIO DIZIDE PLANTICA DE LA COMPANIO DEL COMPANIO DE LA COMPANIO DE LA COMPANIO DEL COMPANIO DE LA COMPANIO DEL COMPANIO DE LA COMPANIO DEL COMPANIO DEL COMPANIO DEL COMPANIO DEL COMPANIO DE LA COMPANIO DEL COMPANIO DEL COMPANIO DE LA COMPANIO DEL COMPANION DEL COMPANION DEL COMPANIO DEL COMPANION DEL COMPANIO DEL COMPANION DEL COMPANION DEL COMPANIO DEL COMPANION DEL COMPA PRICE COMARDICAN SECTION ON TRIBUTANCE (COMPRECIONADES O ME

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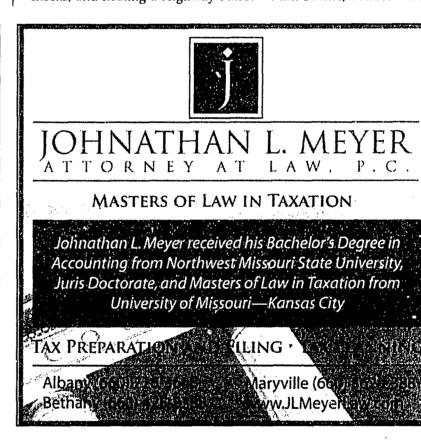
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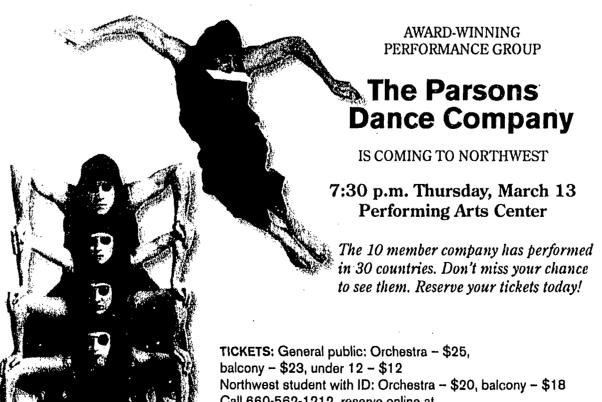
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"LITTLE SHOP OF Horrors" actor Brett Borden, playing the character Seymour,

take on leadership roles

and also being able to captivate ership roles such as student direc-

ater majors. All Northwest stu- night physically and a little

involved with our program," for the actors and discussing the

"This show provides design- The actors have been working

ers and technicians with unique really hard and we just started

tunities," Kreizinger said. "The week and they are way ahead of

designers and performers alike. together," Dorrell said.

abilities, much of the excitement for "Little Shop of Horrors."

"The 'spooky' nature of this

Many students take on lead-

"It is actually pretty time

show provides opportunities for

mood lighting and sound effects

tor, student stage manager and

consuming. You have to be free

every night they rehearse and

before then for the audition pro-

cess," assistant student director

warming up the actors every

vocally, as well as taking notes

notes with them before practice.

anticipate a successful weekend

practicing with the musicians this

"Everything is just coming

In any sense, cast and crew

"I think it will go really well.

Dorrell's duties include

student sound designer.

Kat Dorrell said.

LITTLE SHOP: Students

shows off his new found friend during Tuesday's dress rehearsal.

being someone else. The ability

to step out of yourself and be

someone different for a change,

an audience's attention is magic,"

Although Borden is a theater

"There is a combination

major, it is not a requirement to

audition. In fact, all other majors

of theater, music and other

majors involved. None of our

productions are limited to the-

dents are encouraged to become

show entertaining is the actors'

and fun challenges and oppor-

series of man-eating plant pup-

pets provides challenges for

comes from behind the scenes.

While part of what makes a

are encouraged to participate.

Borden said.

Kreizinger said.

STUDENTS: Elliot's door

open to offer assistance

Some students, they don't feel it as no longer your classes, your class is a

Sophomore Stacey Herzog has students should become cautious,

noticed discussions about school but agrees with Herzog sometimes

said. "We can never become com- through television."

violence have become part of class there is burnout.

"I think it's more of the fact that Dickey said.

MAIN: Construction,

cost plans in progress

Improvement Tax on April 8, spring season makes it difficult

Tax passes, I think you'll see a of March until the first of May,

lot more improvements than if it it's kind of hit and miss on the

much and ... once something like this happens, they (professors) bring

it up," Herzog said. "Your classes are

time to discuss what's occurred and

"We hear what we need to hear

If students are having trouble

"I don't feel that we're really get-

Freshman Melanie Dickey feels

"We really don't need to be

reminded of it every single day,"

patchwork on some other prob-

lem roads, such as Walnut Street,

Decker said. Any long-term fixes

will have to wait until warmer

son in the Midwest that normally

doesn't start until around the

first of May, maybe the middle

He also noted that the rainy

"So from about the middle

weather, you might be able to do

work or you may not," Decker

said. "So our goal is to hit the

prime construction season, which

is about the middle of May until

"There's a prime building sea-

weather, however.

of May," Decker said.

to perform construction.

about the end of August."

with the news, they do know the

ting numb to it, I think sometimes we

actually start to not care as much,"

are just over-informed and people

resources on campus they can turn

I feel that we don't need that.

to, Herzog said.

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"Some students feel it and that's

obviously why we have counseling.

much as others, and that's discon-

certing, too, because as a society

are we becoming numb?" Elliot

placent or numb, we always got to

be vigilant, we've got to be paying

If students do have concern, they

can e-mail officials or Elliot has an

open-door policy and encourages

She has not heard feed-back

from students other than those she

time and suggests that it may be a

The winter weather and sub-

The high volume of traffic on

Main Street has made it a primary

target, but further funding is

needed to address other problem

streets. That could be addressed

with the passing of the Capital

"If the Capital Improvement

doesn't, unfortunately," LeCerf

said. "We've managed to bud-

get \$300,000 this year on street

improvements, but that doesn't

If the tax passes, the city

go very far nowadays."

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ESPEY: Solving crimes

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Gentry, Atchison and Holt, we're

probably the No. 1 in this circuit

for technology and advancements

Along with the changing times,

"There has never been any

solving crimes is a highlight of

two cases exactly the same. We're

working about 1,600 cases a year.

And every one is different," Espey

said. "To me, every one is just as

important, whether it's not much

had happened, or whether it's a

ing of Bobbi Jo Stinnett in 2004.

Experience played a crucial role

in organizing the efforts to retrieve

the child cut from Stinnett's womb,

using multiple agencies. I used

about 10 different agencies: fed-

eral, state, local, city, all over. CSI

team out of St. Joe, investigators

from all over," Espey said. "I

accumulated, by having my tenure,

the knowledge of who to help me

solve this crime. And so we actu-

ally got that baby back alive within

20 hours after it was taken from

In spearheading that case,

Espey and four other law enforce-

ment officials received the Offi-

cer of the Year Award from the

National Center for Missing and

Exploited Children in 2005. Presi-

dent Bush also flew the officers

out to Washington D.C. for con-

the job, however. For instance,

Espey said that his department

issues have prevented it in the

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"That was accomplished by

Espey helped solve the slay-

major murder case."

and the way we do things."

highlights sheriff duties

"If you was to look at the five transporting prisoners, providing

contrast, has 22 officers. With some

of his officers teaching D.A.R.E. or

"We have 24-hour coverage,

24-hour coverage can be a chore.

but not all the time," Espey said.

"I use that 24-hour coverage like

through the weekends and then if I

need my officers working at your

coverage is a popular target for his

campaign opponents, Espey said.

that way 'I'm going to put some-

body on 24 hours.' Well, no they're

not if the commissioners aren't

going to give it to them. Because

you don't have enough manpower

to do it," Espey said. "And nobody

new could walk in and say 'I can

rearrange them and do better."

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wife, Sharon, believes served him

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most qualified person for the job,"

Sharon said. "He's very fair. He

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my family here. My wife works

here for the city of Maryville at city

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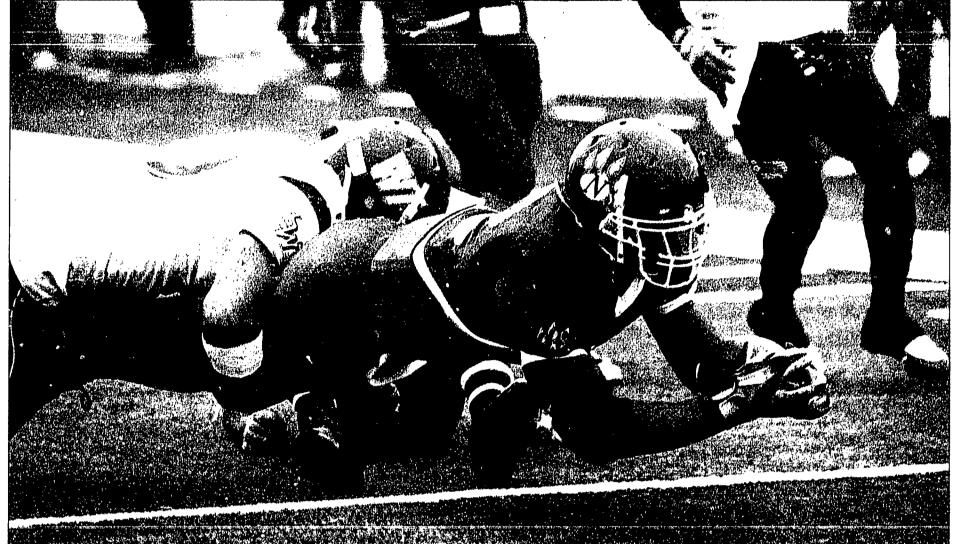
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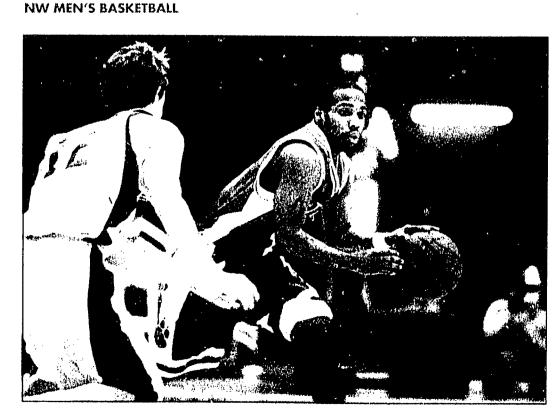
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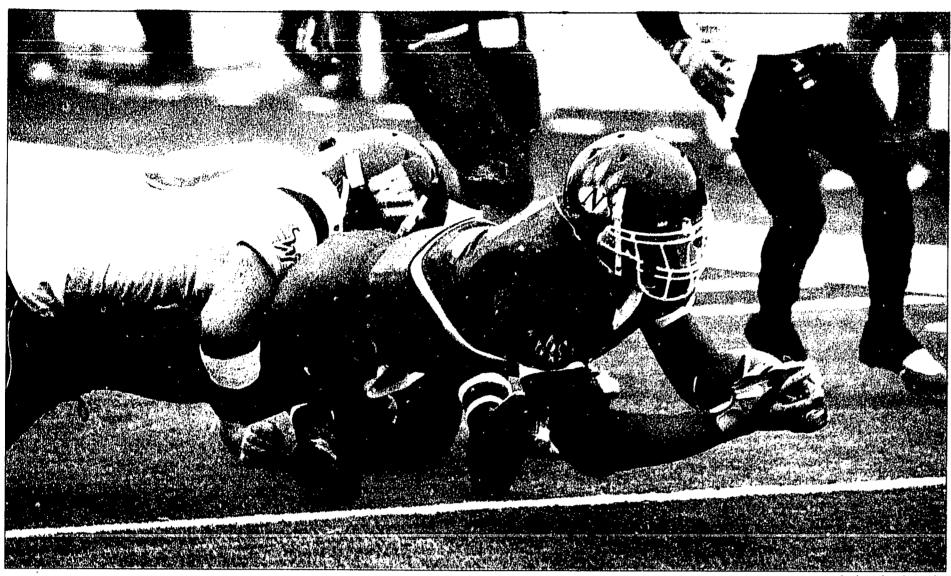
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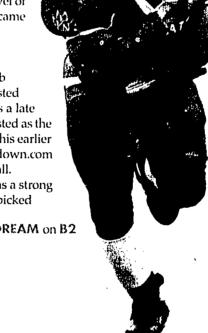
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Missourian Reporter

The Northwest softball team took third place last Saturday and Sunday at the Arkansas ing the weekend.

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their level," pitcher Cola Krueger said, who Pittsburg State. finished the weekend with 10 strikeouts. "We we wanted to make sure that we showed them our full potential."

the Statesmen, Kaila Ballard went 3-for-4 with two doubles and five RBIs. Erin Leslie added is different." two RBIs and two stolen bases. Leslie is a perfect 7-of-7 for stolen bases and leads the team

When the two teams faced each other the once this year. next day, the results were similar. Casey Carper went 4-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs, while the home run hitters with a three-run blast. She and Missouri Southern on Sunday.

The only team to manage to slow down the

'Cats' bats was the host team Arkansas Tech. The Golden Sun's pitcher, Casey Hammons, held the 'Cats to just three hits. The Golden Tech Spring Slam Tournament, going 3-2 dur- Suns went on to win the rest of their games and take first in the tournament.

"She (Hammons) was the first pitcher to

Northwest ended the tournament successfully, thanks to Channel's 4-for-4 day, "We totally wanted to dominate them. and bringing in the game-winning run in the We definitely didn't want to play down to bottom of the seventh against MIAA rival

"For not being outside much, we played knew it wasn't going to be a close game, and well. We did a lot of good things but obviously we had mistakes from not being on the dirt," Anderson said. "Practicing inside hurts us In the first meeting between the 'Cats and because nothing is realistic. The ball bounces different, pitchers throw different, everything

This tournament counted as only the 'Cats' second time being outside this season, and they have not been able to practice outside

The team travels to Pittsburg State for the Pittsburg State Tournament this weekend. Courtney Channel added her season's second Northwest will face Drury and Southern homer. Tiffany Carter joined Channel among Arkansas on Saturday and Henderson State

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"The thing that's surprised me is how falling. If you can't play, you can't play. The

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"I just have so much empathy for that guy," worked really hard to get back. After a surgery, the indoor season, to have this happen, it's just this year in the shot put or weight throw. a really tough thing."

On the women's side, the Prairie Wolf Invitational gave Northwest a chance at the school's have battled injury and illness all year. 1,600-meter relay record. They fell just short, but finished first in the meet.

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dends for his team.

"Our conference is pretty tough, but I

expect us to definitely get in the top half,"

For the women to place in the MIAA's top Alsup said. "It's unbelievable because he's half this year, they may need increased productivity from their throwers. No one on the where he was out most of the fall and most of women's team has a mark in the MIAA's Top 5

Doing well may also mean staying healthy for the men's and women's teams. Both squads Through bumps and bugs, Carlson said her

team is running its best when it needs to. "We've been getting better every single but long-distance runner Anna O'Brien broke meet," Carlson said. "We're definitely coming the school mark in the one-mile run. High together, and hopefully, conference will be it

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Omon's trek to the NFL draft continues

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Iournament bid on the line

Sports Editor

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against a ranked team.

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The 'Cats obstacle this year has been inconsistency, Steinmeyer said. Northwest owns two four-game winning streaks. The 'Cats have also ball team doesn't have much time endured a four and three-game los-

"We've shown we're better than In fact, the Bearcats have one week last year's team at some points and not to add to their resume. Northwest—as good at some points," Steinmeyer women's coach Gene Steinmeyer said said. "We have been consistent during After a 96-52 set-

> back against Central Missouri, Northwest has rattled off three wins in the last four "The Central

game was our low point of the season," Miller said. "Hope-Lauren Williams, senior guard fully that was the down moment, and

press time, check Nwmissourinews. games. That's something Northwest com for Wednesday's result) overall hasn't done since November 2004. "We've been consistent at being "Last year, we weren't sure we inconsistent," Steinmeyer said. "We were in, but we were pretty confident," started out 4-0, and then we lost some games, and then went on another win-

long can we keep this going? I'd like to

18-win plateau, they would have to "these past four games." Northwest's regional tournament trek continues at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, "We're trying not to think that far at Fort Hays State, a team the 'Cats in advance to making the conference defeated 67-50 Jan. 5. Fort Hays curchampionship," senior guard April rently sits tied with Missouri Western

The Lady Tigers face a must-win to keep pace with Missouri Western for that eighth and final MIAA tourna-

"We're facing two desperate teams wins against regionally ranked teams this week," Steinmeyer said. "They such as Southwest Baptist, Missouri have to beat us. We have six seniors, Southern and Washburn. Last year's and it's their last regular season. If tournament team didn't have one win that's not enough to motivate them, I don't know what would."

MEN'S STATISTICS Points/game Field goal pct. 31.1 Rebounds/game 13.4 Assists/game 32.7 Three point pct. Turnovers/game Steals/game Free throw pct. Blocks/game 3.2

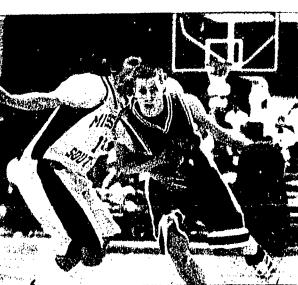
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CONTERINGENERADERS

Scoring per game		Steals per game	
1. D. Townsend-ESU	19.3	1. S. Bowlin-MSSU	2.36
2, C. Abercrombie-PSU	18.6	2. D. Byrd-UCM	2.12
3. R. Bunch-MWSU	17.1	3. L. Johnson-MWSU	1.84
12. H. Henry-NW	13.1	4. L. Sullivan-NW	1.80
17. L. Sullivan-NW	11.5	7. M. Howard-NW	1.74
.,,		8. A. Peterson-NW	1.6

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NORTHWEST GUARD MIKE Larsen drives to the hoop ainst Missouri Southern last Saturday. Northwest ncludes the season Saturday against Fort Hays State.

WOMEN'S STATISTICS

Points/game	. /1.4	1
Field goal pct.	44.0	
Rebounds/game	38.7	4
Assists/game	16.0	
Three point pct.	34.4	
Turnovers/game	20.4	
Steals/game	7.8	
Free throw pct.	74.2	
Blocks/game	2.9	

Scoring per game		Steals per game	
1. G. Mueller-TSU	21.9	L.C. Woods-MWSU	2.62
2. M. Stueve-ESU	21.6	2. K. Fleming-UCM	2.36
3. E. Souza-SBU	19.0	3. E. Souza-SBU	2.32
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20. K. Nelson-NW	11.1	9. K. Nelson-NW	1.92
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.502 3. C. Boston-ESU

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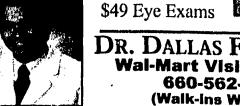


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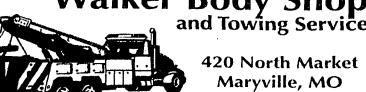
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SPOOFHOUNDS

Senior starters emerge in late-season district title push

By Christopher Woodland Missourian Reporter

For five Maryville senior basketball players, the difference between winning and

losing is a matter of pride. Behind those seniors, the Spoofhound boys' basketball team rolled into districts, winning 10 of its last 13 games.

The lineup consists of Klay Talmadge,

Andy Walter, John Seipel, Aaron Dueker title. and Ryan Sudhoff. Talmadge, Seipel, Ducker and Sudhoff have been playing together since fourth grade while Walter joined later.

Times haven't always been as good as their recent run though. They suffered through an 8-17 campaign as juniors. This group worked all summer, com-

peting in various camps to improve their record. When the first 10 games resulted in went over 1,000 career a 3-7 record for the 'Hounds this season, it points recently, taking looked like this year would turn out just as 1,044 into the district tournament. Coach University. Walter is the lone undecided. enduring another losing season. "We were all sick of losing," Walter said.

At a point in the season when they could have tossed in the towel and given up on a disappointing year, they decided they would not end their careers that way. Fueled by determination and pride, they pulled together and mounted an impressive

run to end the regular season. "Everyone basically just decided we

wanted to win," Talmadge said. The late-season surge got the 'Hounds'

awesome," Dueker //

to 13-10. They finished second in the MEC at 5-2 and earned a fourth seed in the district

have ever done before — win a district plays centerfield, Walter works between "That would be

It's nice to have a good year. said. "None of us have won a district championship in anything." Ducker and Walter have played big

roles in the team's

grim. They couldn't handle the thought of Mike Kuwitzky routinely calls on Dueker to hit key free throws. Kuwitzky chose Ducker to go to the line all three times when Cameron was called for technical fouls in

> The seniors' play also determined the Sudhoff sank two free throws with less season."

than 10 seconds in the game to tie and force overtime. Walter hit a three early in overtime to put Marvville ahead in the game, and Ducker finished them off by converting a 3-point play with 10 seconds remaining to give the 'Hounds a 54-51 victory.

After basketball season, Talmadge, If they keep winning, they will accom- Seipel, Dueker and Walter begin their final plish something together that none of them — baseball seasons for the Hounds. Talmadge first and second base, with Ducker on the mound pitch-

> ing to Seipel. Talmadge and Sudhoff We've been working on it since both plan to attend Northsophomore year and it's nice to west this fall, while Dueker intends to small at the Uni-

to play soccer for Rockhurst "It's always been a dream to play at Northwest, but I would have to walk on,"

versity of Missouri-Colum-

bia. Seipel will continue

his athletic career when he

moves to Kansas City this fall

Regardless of where they go from here, last week's game. Ducker made five of the they are likely to remember and cherish this last stretch of games before districts

"It's nice to have a good year," Wal-'Hounds' thrilling win against Platte County ter said. "We've been working on it since on Jan. 29. After trailing much of the game sophomore year and it's nice to have a good



SENIOR KLAY TALMADGE avoids the outstretched arm of a Plattsburg Talmadge registered four assists and just one turnover in the Spoofhounds rout of Plattburg,

MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

"Especially the close games."

Paint play aids victory over Tigers

No. 1 seed LeBlond poses similar threat with stingy zone defense

By Marcus Meade Asst. Sports Editor

The Maryville High School boys' basketball team kept their season going by cruising past Plattsburg 64-40,

Its reward? The Spoofhounds now face LeBlond, the district's No. 1 seed. "They run a 1-3-1 (zone defense)

too," Maryville coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "So, having the opportunity to work on it now, I think, will help us play them in the semis." And against Plattsburg, the 1-3-1 zone wasn't a problem, in the first half, anyway. In the first half,

the 'Hounds shot 64 percent as a team while scoring 35 points. Many of the team's points came down low as Maryville scored 22 points in the paint for the entire

game. Plattsburg managed four. Down low dominance was apparent as the 'Hounds outrebounded the Tigers 41-17. Heading into the fourth quarter, senior Ryan Sudhoff was tied with the entire Plattsburg team with nine

"It's just kind of a mind-set really," Sudhoff said. "A lot of it's timing and looking for the ball and being ready to go up for it."

Sudhoff added six points, two assists and one block to his gamehigh nine rebounds. He was also gaps. able to stay out of foul trouble, a problem he's had this season.

SENIOR ANDY WALTER cuts to keep up with a Plattsburg guard. Walter had a gamehigh 19 points, six coming from the free throw line. The Spoofhounds were able to penetrate Plattsburg's 1-3-1 zone to the tune of 64 points. duction slowed in the second half. To compensate, their defense held the Tigers to 14 points on 5-of-26

Senior Andy Walter helped the 'Hounds pull away with 10 second-half points. He finished the game with 19 points and eight "We've had three days to prac:

tice against the 1-3-1, so, it worked out in our favor ...," Walter said. "We just knew where gaps were going to be, and we attacked those

As impressive as Walter was, many of his teammates contributed high scoring totals, too. Senior

Aaron Ducker and junior Seth Staashelm posted 18 and 14 points, respectively. Dueker also grabbed nine rebounds while Staashelm

of the 'Hounds face an opponent in LeBlond that they've already played twice this year. In their last meeting, LeBlond bested the 'Hounds 43-35 in the

Dueker, Staashelm and the rest

"I think our players are ready to play them," Kuwitzky said. "They're good, and we know what to expect.

Maryville faces off with the Eagles at 6 p.m., tonight, in Cameron.

DISTRICTS: High-pressure defense forces untimely Trenton turnovers

Continued from B1

It was not the offense that of the game saw the stood out in the first half, as the defense continue to 'Hound defense's stifling effort—wreak havoc, forcdid not let the off-and-on shooting ing 16 steals, which affect the game.

were just knocking the ball out of the night, Trenton bounds," coach Grant Hageman did not have a single said. "We were just frustrating point off a turnover. them and kept them out of their Maryville's defense turned in Molly Stiens punc-

3-for-20 from the field in the first fourth quarter forced Post player Megan Walker, who had 12 points, drew the assignment of shutting down the No. 3 Lawson in the tallest and top-scoring Bulldog, district semifinals Amy Gutshall. Walker, along Wednesday night with reserves Tracy Jensen (seven rebounds, two blocks) and Jordan

Gadbois, held her to just one field goal in the first half. Gutshall did score 10 points, but most of them came after the game was out of reach.

"They did a great job guarding" the Gutshall girl inside," Hage- last season, while man said, "She's a really good they split the seapost player, but (Walker), Gadbois son series with No. 1 and Tracy, too, they all did a good job rebounding and they made it tough for them to score inside. That was a big factor tonight."

The defense had bailed out the Hound scorers long enough for district title. the shooters to get their rhythm, as Kisker hit back-to-back 3s to to figure out that they can really the girls."

ter. The remainder led to 28 points off "I thought the defense was turnovers (12 in the

The 'Hounds' 16-0 run, which freshman one of the season's best efforts, tuated with seven forcing Trenton to shoot just straight points, in the

great tonight, even when we third quarter). On

a running clock and a 31-point win. Maryville faced (results not available at press time).

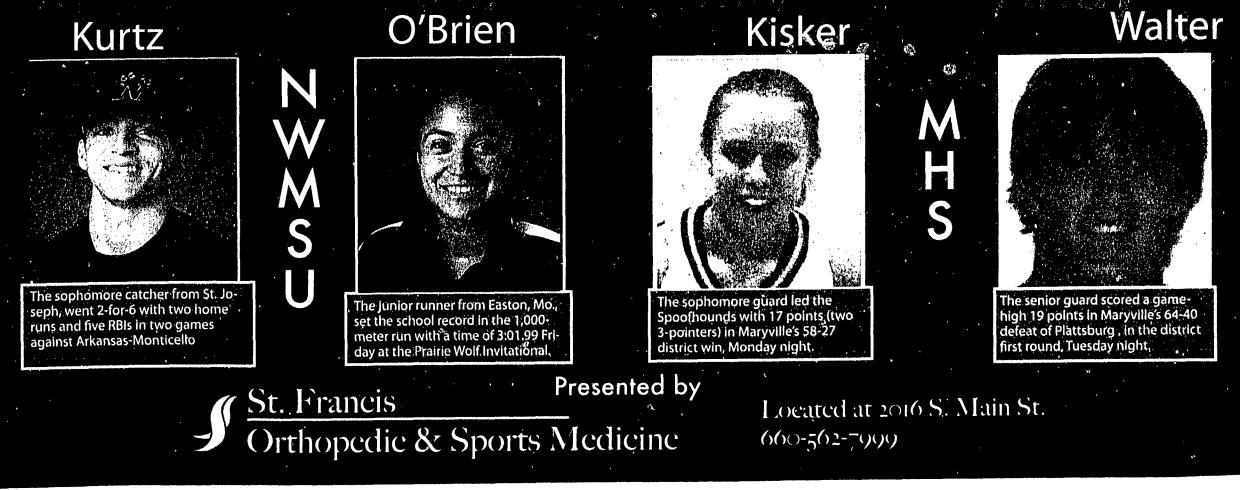
The 'Hounds have history with each opponent in the other semifinal, as No. 4 Brookfield gave them their final loss

half 3-pointer in Maryville's 58-27 defeat of Trenton in the first round of district play, Monday night. Hageman believes his team

do this this year," he said. "It's looks like it's ready to punctuate—a reality. It's a possibility it they this turnaround season with a just keep playing hard and playing together. We have come a "I think the girls are starting - long ways and that's a tribute to

SOPHOMORE EMILY KISKER spots up for a first-

NWMSU, MHS Athletes of the Week



Boring month forces editor to embrace DVD player

I was assigned the column around this time last year and since February's the second-dullest sports month (next to July), I couldn't think of anything to write about.

So, I wrote 30 irrelevant inches on the state of boxing and the point was nowhere to be found.

This year, I won't try and force something that isn't there, and I'll give my loyal readers (there has to be one)

a column on something I care about: My Top 5 sports movies Keep in mind, I am not a conventional movie watcher, so some classics will be omitted because I simply don't enjoy them.

But you will find some movies that weren't reviewed very well, because this list isn't about great, it's about originality. 5. Fever Pitch No, this is not the Red Sox Drew Barry-

to watch this movie. A British film that chronicles one fan's

MIAA Men

4. Fort Hays State

Scott's Picks

NCAA Lock

me down now.

Prediction Record (12-8)

and it isn't stopping any time soon.

Davidson at Georgia Southern — Davidson

Triple D's Davidson squad is still undefeated,

LaSalle at Rhode Island — Rhode Island

they looked good. This is a can't miss.

NCAA Upset Alert

NCAA Upset Alert

Notre Dame at Depaul - Depaul

UCLA at Arizona — Arizona

I watched Rhode Island play the other day, and

I'm riding the Wildcats all the way to another

This pick is based solely on the fact that Notre

5. Washburn

more movie. How any sports fan or human can sit through that is beyond me. For anyone who claims to be a sports fan or any woman who dates one, you have

6. Missouri Southern Hitting slide at the wrong time

SIORES SANTARICAS

1. Southwest Baptist Clinched outright MIAA championship. Not unbeatable.

Hottest team in the MIAA right now

3. Central Missouri Central needs strong tournament to make playoffs

9. Missouri Western Hasn't been a good year for Western basketball

Can go into conference tournament with a lot of momentum

Back to pre-MIAA form. Sleeper in conference tournament

Probably one-and-done in the conference tournament

Will be watching the conference tournament from home

Brett's Picks

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Kansas State at Kansas — K-State

Prediction Record (10-10)

three-game home stand with a win.

Washington State at Stanford — Stanford

Michigan State at Wisconsin -- Wisconsin

The Spartans do not play well on the road, and

it will show against this top defensive unit.

K-State is inching itself closer to the NIT, but

The last game went to overtime, so this one

should be a high-scoring affair. If only Adam

Saint Mary's at Gonzaga --- St. Mary's

Stanford is 10-1 at home, and will finish off its

Had a lot of potential but a big disappointment

when Arsenal loses in the last week of the season, and he goes high school. off on his pregnant girlfriend who mocks his devotion.

he doesn't know their schedule

for the next season. This is the

The unforgettable scene,

kind of man we should all

4. Rocky IV this is the best of the "Rocky's," but I'll argue it to the death.

aspire to be.

After Apollo dies, Stallone goes into uber-training mode, which is the steroided cousin of any training mode you or I know. The man goes to Russia, does manly exercises like running through waist-deep snow, climbs a mountain for fun and does it to amazing '80s training-montage music.

On top of all this, he ends the Cold War with one simple sentence to the Soviet crowd: "If I can change, and you can journey through 1989 Arsenal's season. change...everybody can change!" Once

absolutely obsessed, dwarfing - the entire crowd loses it. Then they decided - who once believed they could do something any devotion I'd thought I had to make two more completely unnecessary great. toward my teams. Arsenal runs "Rocky's," tainting the legacy of an unforhis life, as he refuses to plan a gettable film

trip with his girlfriend because 3. The Best of Times If you've seen this movie, you and I can hang out anytime, because absolutely no one knows about it. Robin Williams and Kurt Russell reach their peaks here.

We catch up with Jack Dundee (Wilwhich serves as an example of liams) 13 years after his final high school either why we watch sports or — football game where he is the town loser go too far with sports, comes because he dropped the pass that would've 1. Major League beaten their rival town in his senior year of

Russell plays the star quarterback, now a mechanic, who Williams cons into genre went downhill from here. Yeah, the convincing the town council to ask to replay movie makes it seem like Cleveland wins Words cannot describe how great this the Taft-Bakersfield 1972 game (because this movie is. Yeah, no one agrees with me that stuff apparently goes on all the time). After baseball scenes are equally unrealistic, but much convincing, this gets done. Both Williams and Russell's wives split on them after this genius idea goes into action.

The final game is the most unrealistic thing ever, but this movie ranks this high Movies just don't get classier than this.

play the token "tough guy" for the only Paul Ashworth, played by Colin Firth, is the translator finishes his phrase for him, mances. The movie speaks to all people can be

MIAA Women

1. Washburn

4. Northwest

2. Emporia State

3. Southwest Baptist

6. Central Missouri

7. Truman State

9. Fort Hays State

10. Pittsburg State

NCAA Lock

Prediction Record (10-10)

I've supported them through their darkest

hours and they've lost. Now, NEC-leading

Wagner will beat them and send DeMario

San Diego State at Colorado State — SDSU

No chance Colorado State, no chance in hell.

Marcus doesn't know when to pick my boys,

The D.C. boys will have their work cut out for

them in this one, traveling to ranked Marquette

Georgetown at Marquette - Marquette

Wagner at Quinnipiac - Wagner

Anderson into yet another spiral.

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but I sure do.

Pittsburgh at Syracuse — 'Cuse

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I'm pretty sure the original George Bush's fate was sealed when he announced he didn't "get" "Field of Dreams." This country could not re-elect a man who didn't like this movie and that's how he lost the '92 election. The guy-cry meter goes off the charts at the end when Ray and his father, the underlying dream of this movie, get to play catch as the credits roll. In fact, I'm getting misty just thinking about this.

No surprise here. I've thought this for more than 10 years and never wavered: You cannot make a sports movie better. The 32 in a row after losing 60 in a row and the no one cares about that. Wesley Snipes, who completely ruined

his career by not embracing his Willie Mays Hayes persona, and Charlie Sheen are never better, and the side characters and script are top-notch. People who say "Anchorman" or "Superbad" have so many classic lines should really see this You all know about this one, so there's no again, because nearly every line is perfect, need to give background. Costner, James and they actually make sense. I can't really Earl Jones and Ray Liotta (who does not utter any of them here, but watch the unedited version (not the TBS thing), and time in his life) give outstanding perfor- you'll get a glimpse of how great cinema

Not the most athletic team, but they get the job done

5. Missouri Southern Has a lot of athleticism, but doesn't have a deep bench

Injuries have made this a difficult year

8. Missouri Western Down year for the Griffons, but should make the tournament

Best team I've seen this year, but inconsistency could doom them

MIAA tournament berth will come down to final game against 'Cats

Marc's Picks

NCAA Lock

NCAA Lock

NCAA Upset Alert

because he needs to catch up.

Clemson at Maryland — Maryland

NCAA Upset Alert

Georgia at LSU --- LSU

Prediction Record (13-7)

Vanderbilt at Arkansas — Vandy

I feel like picking road teams this week. Scott's

living in loser denial, and I have a feeling pick-

ing the opposite of what he thinks is best

Texas A&M at Oklahoma - Oklahoma

The Sooners have an outstanding RPI, so Scott

LSU is the worst team in the SEC. Georgia's the

second worst. Originally, I chose the Indiana

- Michigan St. game, but Scott squashed that

Erica Souza will make this team a tough exit come tourney time

Bad nonconference record hurts regional tournament chances

Were extremely hot for a while, but have cooled as of late

Haven't been able to do much against MIAA competition.

■LA Dodgers vs. Atlanta Braves, 11 a.m. ESPN --- Thank God we can finally stop hearing about Roger Clemons and start watching baseball. Nothing beats this competition.

WHAT IOWAIGHT SEE

■Iowa State at Colorado, 4 p.m. ESPN Classic — This is the

■Dumb and Dumber, 5 p.m. TBS — I watch a movie depicting real-life actions by Marc and Sam.

Marc's TV Picks

Real Sports, 6 p.m. HBO — To see deep, emotional sports stories, I'll turn to HBO.

■Wichita at Drake, 1 p.m. ESPN 2 — The darlings of the MVC have to take on Wichita. I want to see some fundamentally

■Kentucky at Tennessee, 11 a.m. CBS — This seems like a role

Sam's TV Picks

■Seinfeld, 4 p.m. TBS -- "The Cigar Store Indian." Jerry spends the whole episode trying to avoid making offensive

■Ace Ventura: Pet Detective 1 p.m. — Still high comedy.

Brett's TV Picks

Championships, ESPNU, 1:30 p.m. — Start your weekend early, and catch the best shooters and dunkers compete.

Days rating (2 of 5)

■Kansas State at Kansas, ESPN, 8 p.m. — K-State has slipped considerably, Kansas is already thinking about San Antonio, so this will probably not be as exciting a game it was the first time around.

■Georgia at Tennessee, ESPN2, 6 p.m. — The Vols aren't playing UConn, but is still a decent women's basketball game.

The color orange makes me violently ill.

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upset. It worked out last week, just don't let they outmatch KU in size and rebounding.

Dame isn't at home. Depaul's due for a big Morrison could be at the game to inspire his

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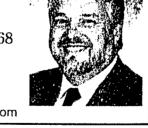
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By Mary Elifrits

Missourian Reporter

Teleporting to any beautiful

place on earth sounds like an

David Rice, played by Hayden

Christensen, has the ability to

teleport virtually anywhere in the

world in the new flick "Jumper."

The movie also stars Samuel L.

Jackson as the villain and Rachel

Bilson as Rice's love interest. Up

and coming actor Jamie Bell plays

steals from banks and never fac-

ing consequences for eight years,

then discovers a secret society

of paladins will do anything to

son) has searched diligently for

Rice without his knowledge.

Rice soon finds out that Roland

isn't just after him for a couple

of bank robberies and that this

is one problem he can't teleport

out of. After running home to his

childhood love, Millie (Bilson),

Rice realizes involving her puts

her on Roland's hit list.

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For eight years, Roland (Jack-

eliminate jumpers.

After living on the money he

Rice realizes he is not the only story angle might help

jumper. In fact, he is one in a line the film (at least for the

that goes back for centuries. He female viewers), but it

Griffin, an experienced jumper.

amazing superhuman power.

asking questions. Why did it hap-

pen? What went wrong? And finally,

The latest comes

Top 5 picks of the week

By Sydney Moore Entertainment Reporter

■Check out this U.K. crooner - "Hometown Glory," by Adele is the first single from her debut album, "19," which was released Jan. 28. Adele has a very unique and likeable sound that reminds me of Alicia Keys mixed with a little bit of Amy Winehouse. It's an unlikely pair, but I find it incredible. With her soothing voice and overall sound, Adele is sure to have just as much success on this side of the world as well.

■Most recent MySpace favorite - Ryan Taylor Bliss, a 22-year-old from Raleigh, N.C., is my favorite MySpace discovery in a while. His site is full of mellow tracks that can easily put you in a good mood and offer a great acoustic guitar sound that could make any girl melt. It's true that if you put a guitar in any guy's hand and he can sing decently, any girl will fall in love with him and Bliss is definitely that guy.

■iTunes free single of the week - "Seven Days of Lonely" by I Nine. This poppy single is unfortunately the type that I hate to get stuck in my head. It's the same sound as most female-led pop bands, but I must admit that I still have a soft spot for them on certain days. It's a good song to listen to when you are feeling particularly down about boy problems, (what girl doesn't have those days?) or when you are just hanging out with the girls talking about those dreaded boy issues.

■Stay in and watch this on Saturday night - "Good Luck Chuck." Personally, I think Dane Cook and Jessica Alba would make an adorable couple. In "Good Luck Chuck," Cook plays a womanizer that seems to have the ability to make every woman fall in love – with someone other than him. While attending a wedding for an ex-girlfriend, he meets penguin-obsessed Alba, who seems to have terrible luck with everything she touches. The two experience the typical ups and downs of a relationship and in the end, realize what they each need to do to change their love life luck

for good. ■After checking out "American Idol" this week - download your favorite performances on iTunes. Each contestant's performance from this week will be available to purchase for only 99 cents. For those obsessed with a certain contestant, the 90-second song is definitely worth the money. Also, don't forget to check out the "American Idol" blog at Nwmissourinews.com to recap each night's performances.

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different people react in different ways. Some get angry. Some sad. Some location, circumstances the one constant is post-

Your Man hates overreactions

like college would turn into Beirut if everyone had a Glock." And, I can see the thoughts of

dumb, inadequate, habitually flac-Insert the crazy idea here. Many "If someone came into my school of the gun enthusiasts of this counwith a gun, I'd dive over the desk, try have a brilliant plan to prevent do a tactical roll, knock two baby school shootings ... arm all students, orphans out of the path of a bullet allow anyone who wants to carry a and shoot the guy right between

I can hear the thoughts of ratio-Hey, Jimbo, no you wouldn't. "How do you prevent shootings You'd be crying in the corner in a by giving everyone a gun? It seems puddle of your own urine.

Obviously, Roland resents that deal.

jumpers have the ability to

Another confusing

aspect of the movie was

the mysterious mechani-

cal box paladins used

to listen to jumpers and

then somehow follow

them through the jump

sites. This little mys-

terious machine seems

the mysterious mechani-

cal box. Rice offers to

whisk Millie away to

Rome, a place she has

wanted to see since child-

hood. Romantic and cute,

but awkward, consider-

Not seeing the movie review you want?

ing Millie thought Rice drowned

eight years before in an ice-

skating accident. After paladins

follow and attack Rice in Rome,

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Millie realizes things really are not all that heroic, considering

too good to be true. Everything Millie would not have been in

I thought the love

do anything they want,

but I kept expecting an

elaboration on why.

Allowing students to carry guns on campus because of a school shootng is like blowing up your car because it needs an oilchange. It's a gross over-The more rational of

the gun lunatics think

that only teachers should

be allowed to pack heat. That's great. Argue with a teacher, and there could be serious consequences. My goal is not to offend gun enthusiasts. Lactually enjoy shooting guns, but

there's a line between protecting the right to shoot skeet and arming the Bearcat nation. It's not even a thin line. It's a line as wide as a city street. So, if someone says to you that

Reporter wants to teleport away from "Jumper"

The reason paladins hate—will work out in the end though,

they would end school violence with a shotgun and a heroic nature, slap them in the face and ask them, "What if you miss you idiot?"

jumpers is not really flushed out. because cinematic love is the real—the beginning of the film, Rice is

Rice as a hero-figure is my

biggest problem with this movie.

the paladins, which is sweet, but

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shown watching the news and

sees people trapped in a flood.

Even with his abilities, Rice

never considered trying to help.

Instead, Rice is a thief and he

ives for himself with no conse-

his outstanding performance as

Griffin. Jackson, as always, took

command of his role and deliv-

ered it well. Bilson slid grace-

fully into a naïve character and a decent presentation of Millie.

Casting a different actor as Rice

could have improved the film,

because Christensen really did

not deliver a great performance

On top of a slightly unre-

alistic plot, "Jumper" ended

too suddenly with too many

questions unanswered. With

several loopholes in the film, a

sequel has to follow. Hopefully,

a sequel would provide a heroic,

likable character in Rice and

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join a growing

technology services firm

and get on the path to

an exciting and

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"Jumper"

2 out of 5

a plot that answers questions.

as lead actor.

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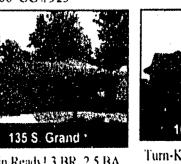
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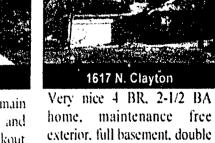
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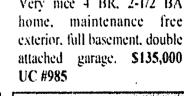


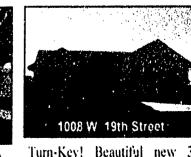
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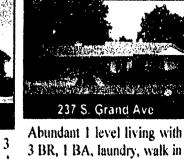
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SPENCER BROWN, KNOWN as "Daisy Bucket" performs the hit song "Rehab" by Grammy-winning artist Amy Winehouse.

By Lindsay Jacobs University News Editor

ven though he's been performing for only three months, he's got the preparation down to a

An hour for makeup, 30 minutes to hide or enhance body parts, 20 minutes to get dressed and 15 minutes to

Skylar Hollenback, or "Misty Sky" as he is known on stage, was one of the performers in Friday night's Mardi Gras Drag Show, sponsored by Common Ground, an organization that promotes a healthy environment for Northwest gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

Hollenback enjoys performing because he has an entertaining personality, he said.

The inspiration for Hollenback's performances comes from his boyfriend, Gabriel Baculi, also known as "Mulan," who got Hollenback involved in drag shows. Learning to walk in high heels is the hardest part of

dressing in drag, Hollenback said.

Doug Brewer, known as "Bernadette" and Spencer Brown, or "Daisy Bucket" (pronounced "bouquet") are best friends, and have been performing together for two years. Brown idolizes Bette Midler and Brewer adores Liza Minnelli.

For his first performance of the night, Brewer glided around the stage in lime-green capris, a black v-neck top and black high heels as he lip-synced a song to a cheer-

Brewer performs a couple times a week at schools, bars and benefits. He has performed for the past four years.

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Brown has been performing for two years. He was crowned this year's Miss Kansas City Gay Pride

He was the only performer to perform with his real voice besides his duet with Brewer, who sang live for

For Brown's first performance, he came out in a shiny blue dress covered with a red jacket. He sang the song "Crazy" by Gnarls Barkley, but inserted the word "daisy" for "crazy."

Brown performs a couple times a week, including having a show at a bar in Kansas City.

On Friday night, they performed a duet to "Sisters," by Rosemary and Betty Clooney.

Brewer and Brown get ready for performances together usually while watching TV shows such as "Ğolden Girls" and "Designing Women."

They suggest anyone interested in performing in a drag show should give it a try, although it is hard to make money off performances.

"People, when they go to bars, they don't want to tip their money to watching people perform, they want to buy their drinks," Brown said.

In order to mix things up a little, performers have a mix of drag they dress in. There are glamorous drag queens,

comedy performers, "clown-looking" drag queens and an occasional group performance, Brown said. Common Ground President Monique Garcia said the show went well because the performers were "absolutely great."

The organization raised \$120 for the One Campaign, which funds AIDS research.

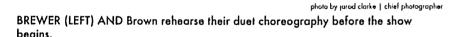
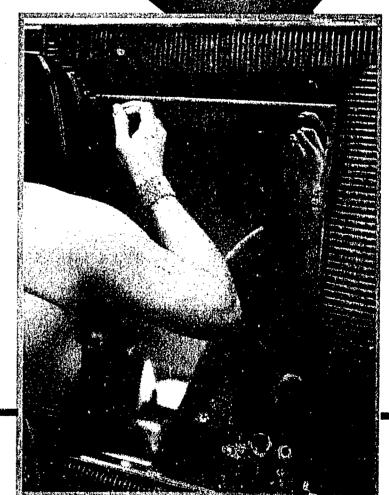




photo by jarod clarke | chief photographe GABRIEL BACULI, ALSO known as "Mulan," goes through pre-performance rituals by applying duct tape before donning a wig.



SPENCER BROWN, KNOWN as "Daisy Bucket" on stage (left) and Doug Brewer, known as "Bernadette," talk about their performance influences. Brown is inspired by Bette Midler and Brewer by Liza Minnelli. They performed in Friday night's drag show sponsored by Common Ground. The show carried a Mardi Gras theme.



SKYLAR HOLLENBACK, OR "Misty Sky," applies mascara before curtain call. He has been performing for three months.